

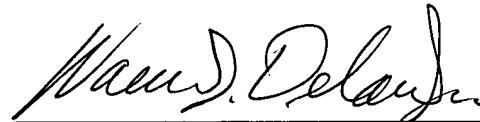
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-23 of the present application have been amended to eliminate the occurrence of multiple dependent claims and to place the claims more in accordance with standard Office practices.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the application proceed to examination based on the claims as amended herein.

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